

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA, REQUESTING THE
ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD ADOPT BOUNDARIES FOR HOUSE
DISTRICT 4 ENCOMPASSING NORTHERN LYNN CANAL, AND ICY STRAIT.

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2010 Census and the resulting loss of population in SE Alaska, the Alaska Redistricting Board is considering making changes to election districts that will directly affect Gustavus and neighboring communities with which much is shared; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Constitution imposes a number of state law requirements on redistricting plans for both the House and Senate seats; and

WHEREAS, three of those requirements are:

1. Districts should contain a relatively integrated socio-economic area, meaning that different communities in a district should interact with each other, not just be homogeneous.
2. Consideration may be given to local government boundaries.
3. Consideration should be given to drainage and geographic features wherever possible.

WHEREAS, the communities of Northern Lynn Canal include Haines, Klukwan, Skagway, Excursion Inlet and Auke Bay share common aspects of life including social, cultural economical and political ties; and

WHEREAS, the communities share a major transportation corridor for the district through the Alaska Marine Highway, and rural airline transportation links and shopping base, and

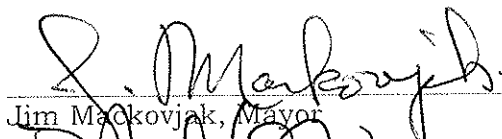
WHEREAS students who attend UAS reside in college dorms near campus and faculty and support staff work on campus and reside around Auke Bay and on waterfront property stretching along north Glacier Highway, and

WHEREAS there are federal, state and local public employees who live in this district, including the NOAA facility, the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve and the Haines State Forest, and

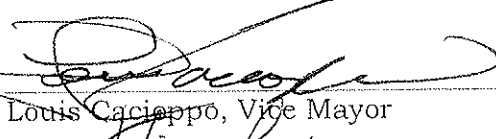
WHEREAS, tourism is a major industry in all the district's communities; as well as commercial and sport fishing being common occupations in all the Lynn Canal towns with the hub centered around Auke Bay.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gustavus, Alaska, that the City of Gustavus does hereby urge the Alaska Redistricting Board to adopt boundaries for House District 4 that reflect the recommendations by 'Alaska for Fair Redistricting' for communities including Haines, Skagway, Gustavus and Auke Bay, which are located along Lynn Canal the major transportation corridor for the district. These towns use common airports, ferry and shopping bases and comprise a total population of 17,819.


PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this 12th day of May, 2011.



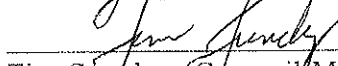
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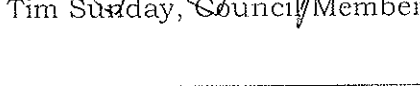
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Attest: Kapryce Manchester, CMC
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